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To whom it may concern,

This is a letter regarding your support of the **repeal** of anti-monopoly legislation in the communications industry. I kindly ask you to quit counting the money I am sure you just received and consider the ramifications of your actions. By allowing the communications industry to unify, you are giving one corporation complete control of the flow of knowledge which reaches the American public. In a representative democracy, where the people choose the political leaders, a monopoly of the media would be disastrous. You would be in affect creating a fourth branch of government. An unregulated branch controlled by one person (if you go high enough in any corporation you always get to one person) that would have the power to control the flow of information. Information determines voting and in the United States voting determines power. We would have an unregulated institution with unlimited power and no checks or balances. If you still are not convinced ask yourself this, who would have more power, the media conglomerate or the FCC. With a few politicians to create the proper legislation, would it really be that hard to convince the American public that the FCC was no longer a necessary institution in America. By supporting this legislation you are taking the first step in destroying your own institution and freedom itself. For this reason I urge you to reconsider your opinion

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